MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know from the Chief Secretary when the Darbar Physician recommended the opening of a dispensary at Piravam?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That information is not before me.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know how many dispensaries have been opened after this recommendation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This year we opened three.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the distance from Piravam to the nearest dispensary?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member knows it more than myself.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Are the Government aware of the distance from Piravam to the nearest dispensary?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that at present.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the reason why the Government allowed the scheme to lie over?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For want of funds.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the number of dispensaries that have been opened in Kottayam Division during the last five or ten years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I must look up the papers for the last ten years; so, I am unable to say that now.

Opening of a Dispensary at Muttuchira.

48. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Administrative Board, Medical Services, has recommended the opening of a dispensary at Muttuchira in the Vaikam taluk?

(2) If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to open one at Muttuchira?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) No. The Board has considered the question and has found that a dispensary at Muttuchira is unnecessary, the place being close to Koravilangad which was preferred for a new dispensary as it was more central and populous.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this question does not arise.

Construction of a Cart Road from Palamkadavu to Talayolaparambu.

49. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): (1) With reference to the answer to question No. 121, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the

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